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In re Patent Application for:

Steven Teig, et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PERFORMING EXTRACTION USING  
A MODEL TRAINED WITH  
BAYESIAN INFERENCE VIA A  
MONTE CARLO METHOD

Examiner: <none yet>

Group Art Unit: 2825

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of  
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Sir:

The undersigned respectfully requests the patent Examiner to amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows before examining the patent application: